

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated September 27, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 18-19 and 21-22 are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 5-17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-4 and 23 are withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 18-19 and 21-33 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0071065) in view of Hoshino et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0050747); rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Hoshino et al. and in further view of Matsunaga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,510,918); rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Hoshino et al. and in further view of Park et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0074549); rejected claims 10, 11, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Hoshino et al. and in further view of Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0035527); rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Hoshino et al. and Tanaka et al., and in further view of Okutani (U.S. Patent No. 5,135,608); rejected claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Hoshino et al. and Tanaka et al., and in further view of Nakamura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,621,537); and rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Hoshino et al. and in further view of Choi (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,592).

These rejections are rendered moot in view of cancellation of the claims at issue.

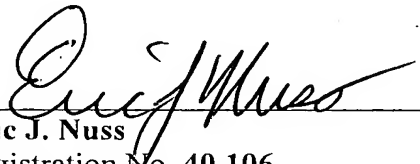
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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